

V. REMARKS

Claims 1-3 are to rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory double patenting over claims 1-3 of Patent Number 6,937,298, which is owned by Aruze Corp. The present application is also owned by Aruze Corp. as indicated in the assignment records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on Reel 015490, Frame 0580. As indicated in the Office Action, a timely-filed Terminal Disclaimer may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground. A Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with CFR 1.321 (c) or (d) is filed herewith to overcome the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Newly-added claims 4-6 are substantially claims 1-3 written without "means".

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

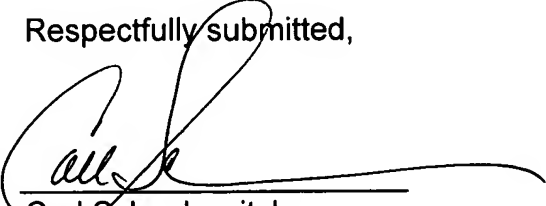
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Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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